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SUBJECT: UN RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE -- FEBRUARY 26

1. THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZED GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS OF INTEREST AT THE UN COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING ON FEBRUARY 26.

2. WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION. SYG DAVIES GENERALLY SUPPORTED THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS. HE ALSO CAUTIONED THE COMMITTEE AGAINST CONSIDERING "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY" AS A SUBJECT APPROPRIATE TO A SINGLE COMMITTEE OR A SINGLE DEPARTMENT IN THE UN SECRETARIAT.

3. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HANNAH STRESSED THE ROLE OF THE WFC, WHICH MUST OPERATE ON THE BASIS OF NIEO AND CERDS, AS A HIGHEST LEVEL POLITICAL COORDINATING MECHANISM REGARDING MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE FOOD PROBLEM AND THE NECESSITY FOR WFC TO

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HAVE ADEQUATE INDEPENDENCE IN ORDER TO FULFILL ITS

FUNCTIONS.

4. YUGOSLAVIA. RESTRUCTURING IS TO SERVE THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE NIEO AND CERDS AND CAN ONLY FOLLOW SOLUTION OF THE MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS. THE GA IS THE ONLY BODY COMPETENT TO DETERMINE GLOBAL ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING ECONOMIC COOPERATION. UNCTAD SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED FOR NEGOTIATION AND DECISION-MAKING REGARDING TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UN AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES MUST BE ADJUSTED TO THE CONTEMPORARY SITUATIONS. CONSENSUS PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN MUCH USED IN PRACTICE BUT INSTITUTIONALIZING THEM WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE OF THE IMPLIED VETO RIGHT.

5. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ADEDEJI DISCUSSED IN UNEXCEPTIONAL FASHION THE FOUR MAIN RESTRUCTURING ISSUES AFFECTING THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS: THE REDEFINITION OF THEIR ROLE; DECENTRALIZATION OF ACTIVITIES FROM HEADQUARTERS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO THE COMMISSIONS; PROVIDING ADEQUATE RESOURCES FOR THE COMMISSIONS; AND REGIONAL CONSIDERATION OF UN ACTIVITIES.

6. UN INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESERCH. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NICOL STRESSED THE NEED FOR COORDINATION WITHIN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND AMONG UN AGENCIES AND INSISTED THERE IS NO DUPLICATION BETWEEN UNITAR AND UN UNIVERSITY.

7. PHILLIPINES. EXPERTS' REPORT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE DOCUMENT FOR THE COMMITTEE BUT IT NEGLECTED THE SOCIAL ASPECTS WHICH REQUIRES ATTENTION EQUAL TO THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS. THE MOST FLAGRANT DUPLICATION AND LACK OF COORDINATION IS IN THE REGIONAL SETTING.

8. MALAYSIA, THAILAND, AND TUNISIA ISSUED BRIEF STATEMENTS URGING A CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO RESTRUCTURING AND AGREEING ON THE NEED NOT TO DECREASE THE IMPORTANCE

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